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### **REMARKS**

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I      Claims 1-13 and 35-38, drawn to conjugate vaccine composition, classified in class 424, subclass 251.1.

Group II      Claims 14-20, drawn to a method of preventing otitis, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Group III      Claims 21-34, drawn to a method of detoxifying a lipooligosaccharide and making a vaccine, classified in class 435, subclass 72.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group III, that is, Claims 21-34.

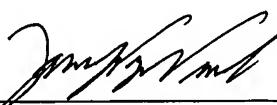
### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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